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1. FOR ANKARA - DEPT HAS REPEATED REF A TO ISLAMABAD AS BACKGROUND FOR GUIDANCE ON REPLYING TO ANY GOP QUESTIONS CONCERNING TURKISH OPIUM BAN. AS NOTED IN PARA 5B, REF A, WE BELIEVE TURKISH EXAMPLE HAS HAD POSITIVE EFFECT IN PAKISTAN. SPECIFIC GOP INTEREST REPORTED IN REF B UNDERLINES CURRENT REGIONAL IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED GOT LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON STATUS OF USG EFFORTS TO SECURE BANS IN PAKISTAN AND IN AFGHANISTAN MAY BE OF USE SHOULD THIS FACET BE DISCUSSED WITH TURKS.

2. PAKISTAN - PRIOR TO HIS VISIT TO US IN SEPTEMBER PM BHUTTO ANNOUNCED THAT POPPY CULTIVATION WILL BE PHASED OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SITUATION COMPLICATED BY VARYING DEGREE OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY WHICH CAN BE
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EXERCISED WITHIN THREE ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS COMPRISING

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PAKISTAN: SETTLED, MERGED AND TRIBAL AREAS. IN SETTLED AREAS GOP EXERCISES SAME DEGREE OF AUTHORITY GOT EXERCISES IN FORMER OPIUM GROWING AREAS. WE ARE NEGOTIATING WITH GOP ON DIMENSIONS OF A RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AIMED AT ELIMINATING POPPY CULTIVATION IN SETTLED AREAS BY END OF 1974-75 CROP YEAR AT LATEST. AMOUNT AND METHOD OF USG ASSISTANCE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS. WE ARE ALSO SEEKING AS PART OF AGREEMENT ON SETTLED AREAS A SPECIFIC SCHEDULE FOR EXTENDING BAN INTO MERGED AND TRIBAL AREAS WITHIN NEXT FEW YEARS. WE HAVE ALREADY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE ON SEPARATE BUT RELATED LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECT INVOLVING DOL 750,000 IN USG ASSISTANCE TO NEWLY FORMED NARCOTICS UNITS DURING FY 74.

3. AFGHANISTAN - USG EFFORT IN AFGHANISTAN WILL BE PART OF MULTILATERAL CROP SUBSTITUTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM UNDER AUSPICES OF UN FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL (UNFDAC). PROGRAM DELAYED BY CHANGE IN AFGHAN GOVERNMENT LAST JUNE, WHICH OCCURRED SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE SCHEDULED MEETING OF POTENTIAL BILATERAL DONORS IN GENEVA. MEETING WAS POSTPONED INDEFINITELY PENDING FORMULATION OF NARCOTICS CONTROL POLICY BY NEW GOVERNMENT. GOA HAS STATED INTENTION TO MOVE AGAINST TRAFFICKERS. SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES AND ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN PAST FEW MONTHS. GOA AND UNFDAC HAVE INITIALED AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH UNFDAC WILL PROVIDE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO GOA POLICE NARCOTICS UNIT. USG IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT PROGRAM BILATERALLY WHEN REQUIREMENTS OF NARCOTICS UNIT SPECIFIED. GOA HAS ALSO INDICATED INTENTION TO PHASE OUT ALL OPIUM PRODUCTION AS ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF SUPPORT CAN BE PROVIDED TO CULTIVATORS. UNFDAC AND GOA ARE DISCUSSING PRELIMINARY REQUIREMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM, SUCH AS GENERAL PROJECT SURVEYS, WHICH WE WOULD PREFER BE COMPLETED BEFORE GENEVA CONFERENCE OF POTENTIAL BILATERAL DONORS HELD.

4. FOR ISLAMABAD - AS INDICATED IN REF A, IF GOP RAISES ISSUE, YOU SHOULD REFLECT BELIEF THAT OPIUM BAN WILL CONTINUE AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

5. MISSIONS SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE GENEVA IN DISTRIBUTION OF
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